

beds, 1989. I am grateful to M. Edwards for confirming my initial identification.—Simon J. Grove, National Trust, Spitalgate Lane, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 2DE.

REFERENCE

Richards, O. W. 1980. Hymenoptera, Aculeata: Scoloioidea, Vespoidea and Sphecoidea. *Handbk Ident. Br. Insects* 6(3b): 57.

A possible new colony of *Pareulype berberata* D. & S. (Lepidoptera: Geometridae), the barberry carpet in North Hampshire, vice-county 12.—*Pareulype berberata* is one of the five species of moth protected by law in England, Wales and Scotland under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Until recently only a single site for it was known to survive in Britain, in West Suffolk, and this colony is currently looked after by The Nature Conservancy Council. In 1988, another small colony was found in Gloucestershire. There used to be a very restricted colony known in North Hampshire, VC 12, but this was destroyed during stubble burning and the species has not been seen there since 1971.

On the night of 3/4.viii.1990, I left an MV light trap out in a garden in North Hampshire and in the morning found a female *P. berberata* in it. It is most unlikely that the specimen can have any connection with the colony presumed lost in 1971 as the two places are a considerable distance apart. I released the specimen into a bush of its larval foodplant, *Berberis vulgaris* L., which grew at a distance of just over a mile from the trap, as this was the nearest known possible breeding site. On 3.ix.90 acting as an agent for the Nature Conservancy Council, I attempted to find larvae on this bush and on two other nearby bushes found subsequently, but without success. However, the presence of the specimen found must be considered as evidence of the probability of a colony still existing in North Hampshire.—D. H. Sterling, "Tangmere", 2 Hampton Lane, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 5LF.

BOOK NOTE

Butterflies of Cyprus. Anyone with an interest in the butterflies of Cyprus will wish to know that the December 1990 edition of *Linneana Belgica* is totally given over to an article entitled 'Les rhopalocères de Chypre' by Dr Luc Manil, with the active collaboration of Ronny Leestmans, Rob Parker and Pierre Meerts. Rob Parker's monograph 'The butterflies of Cyprus' published in the *Entomologist's Gazette* (Vol. 34) in 1983 has been thoroughly updated and improved. The distribution maps have been reissued and now incorporate the records of many AES and BENHS members in personal communication. Excellent colour photography has been added, both of cabinet specimens and from nature. All the endemic species (2) and subspecies (7) are illustrated in colour, with some comparative pictures of related subspecies from Greece and Turkey. The text runs to 90 pages, mostly in French, but including an abstract in English. Illustrations of landscapes and type-biotopes add depth to the sections on geomorphology and flora. The systematic listing adds *Colias erate* Esp. and fills out other entries with records made in recent visits, notably by Hoffman and Rose, Tennent, Brock and Dr Manil himself. All in all, this is an authoritative production which is likely to stand for some years as the definitive work on Cyprus.

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